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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF LUANDA PRESS FOR MAY 16

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1. "WORRY IN LISBON OVER THE ANGOLAN SITUATION - PCP AGAINST MILITARY INTERVENTION." IN ADDITION THE PCP WARNING THAT "REACTIONARY ELEMENTS" MIGHT ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DISLOCATION CAUSED BY THE RETURN TO PORTUGAL OF ANGOLAN WHITES, THE LOCAL PRESS ALSO REPORTED AN AFM SPOKESMAN SAYING "IF IT SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY TO TAKE A DEFINITE POSITION IN ANGOLA, THE SOLDIERS HAVE TO BE MENTALLY PREPARED FOR THAT." (REFTEL)

2. IMF MISSION. A SIX PERSON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND MISSION HEADED BY (FNU) TOURE ARRIVED IN LUANDA MAY 15. THE GROUP HAD BEEN INVITED BY THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A STUDY OF WHAT FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS WILL BECOME NECESSARY AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

3. CUBA AND ANGOLA. THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE, LAZARE MOURA SEKALE, RETURNED TO KINSHASA MAY 15 AFTER SPENDING A WEEK IN LUANDA. ON DEPARTURE HE SAID HE HOPED TO RETURN TO LUANDA WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS.

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4. JONAS SAVIMBI DEPARTED MAY 16 FOR NOVA LISBOA.

5. THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION RELEASED A COMMUNIQUE ON
THE MAY 15 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS:

A. THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL "BEND OVER BACKWARDS"
IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE EXODUS OF
TECHNICIANS FROM ANGOLA.

B. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS DECIDED TO PUBLISH AN
EMERGENCY LAW AGAINST ACTS OF VANDALISM AND BANDITRY. (NO
PUBLICATION DATE WAS MENTIONED.)

C. THE IMPORTANCE OF RAPID PUBLICATION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL
LAW (AN INTERIM CONSTITUTION) WAS DISCUSSED AS WELL AS THE
NEED FOR TIMELY PROMULGATION OF THE LAW WHICH WILL DEFINE
THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH PORTUGUESE NATIONALS CAN REMAIN
IN ANGOLA TO WORK WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT. IT WAS DECIDED
TO SUBMIT A DRAFT OF THE LATTER STATUTE TO CIVIL SERVANTS
FOR DISCUSSION BEFORE IT BECOMES THE OBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

6. A MANDATORY CURFEW OF 12 PM TO 6 AM IS STILL IN
EFFECT IN LUANDA.A
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